

FELC Ministry Team Minutes

Ministry Team: Worship & Music

Meeting Date: January 21, 2014

ATTENDEES: Jamie Parma, Jennifer Johnson, Karrie Aaseby, Linda Hash, Milly Rugland, Nancy Boettcher, Sue Swanson, Rhonda Rossing

Excused: Pete Vandenberg, Jerry Lokensgard, Jim Stellmacher, Mary Feller, Jana Clement

Items that may require council action:

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Items that may require budget/finance coordination:

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New Task Force (see minutes for details):

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Ministry team minutes:

NS and DS

- Approval of November minutes
- Finance/Budget
 1. Review expenses
 2. Update on 2014 budget
- Joint worship service plans: we will have a joint worship service at Lawrence; we will decide on a date at a later meeting
- Design and Decor subcommittee updates: limiting the number of poinsettias ordered and then use the additional money to pay for other seasonal decor; **Jamie** will email Milly the north site document; think about how to phrase the order form for Easter lilies (Easter décor or donate chicks?)
- Usage and equipment policy for people who are using music equipment at both sites—is this added on to the existing building policy?
- Altar guild: working on forming an Altar Guild that will help to clarify all of the “behind the scenes” things that get done so that Sundays run smoothly
- Make an Impact donation: we have a few ideas
- Staffing the Host Information Center: February 2nd
- Possible Ideas for interns: make child packs to use during church services, organize an acoustic camp-style service at the north site, help set up for worship in the park services, give messages during Wednesday evening services, organize a pick-up choir

NS

- Advent changes: shared feedback, think about the chains, revisit the idea of making crimson for next year, enjoyed the 3 trees
- Prepare for Lent; Palm Sunday palms: want to make banners for Christmas and Easter; **Nancy** will ask about a seamstress; we will be using “Facing the Cross” on Sundays and Wednesdays during Lent
- Follow up on ideas at previous meeting: Global Mission (Why we do what we do and when?)-- *We talk about Global Missions in January because that is Epiphany, the time in the church when it is traditional to talk about world outreach – Jesus revealing himself to the*

nations. At the 9:15 service Downtown, we use an international liturgy, and we try to find one ministry that has a global component to highlight one of the weeks in January. Because there are so many worthwhile organizations, this has been our compromise over how much to let outside groups in to be highlighted during our service. This doesn't limit our Global Outreach to January, but it is generally when we focus on Global Outreach. Discuss offering an adult continuing education series, perhaps in Lent. Request for more educational information for the congregation about liturgy/seasons of the church [tabled for next time]

- Staffing nursery at the NS: looking into a possibility
- New monitors: look wonderful
- Hymnal update: checking to see what ones we can give away (while still keeping some), may get a cart to hold the hymnals
- Drum Set/Floor Pocket Expenses: need to think about budgeting/money for cymbals and floor pockets
- Types of services: we continued our discussion, including using message vs. sermon—We would like to use the language message instead of sermon at the north site.

We have introduced a couple changes to the 10:30 service to make it a more seeker friendly service. Changes:

1. *A moment of silence at the beginning of the service to give people an opportunity to fill out prayer requests.*
2. *The service starts with Opening Meditation*
3. *The opening hymn and hymn of praise are back to back.*
4. *People bring their prayers up during the sharing of the peace*
5. *The prayers of the church are after the creed and before the offering*
6. *The communion hymn flows directly into the sending hymn*
7. *The benediction joins the dismissal and is done from the back at the end of the service.*

DS

- Advent/Christmas Sanctuary Decoration - successes/challenges/ideas for next year: felt things went smoothly this year. In the future, we'd like to request that fewer poinsettia plants are purchased for the downtown site, and that we might use some of the funds collected to purchase additional wreaths/garlands to decorate the building and grounds. We are working towards forming an Altar Guild that will also work on procedural details for seasonal décor.
- Lent preparation: are requesting staff assistance in placing the Easter Banners. Juneteenth Celebration - Worship in the Park: the team is in favor of exploring options for partnering with the planners of the Juneteenth Celebration to hold a joint "gospel" worship in the park at 9:15. Jennifer Johnson will work with Jean Monson to contact the event planners.
- Use of "Special Music Fund" from FELC Trust - how Special Music funds are allocated, how to budget for "special music/musicians": The group feels strongly that these monies should be more specifically designated to support special music opportunities at FELC (such as the hiring of musicians to enhance worship services) and will communicate these wishes to the Church Council/Support Ministry Team.

Submitted by: Jamie Parma